

Good Morning,

I am writing this morning to **OPPOSE HB 5537, Section 6**. As a mother of an eleven year old child diagnosed with Autism we have been receiving ABA services as well as SLP, OT, PT since he was 2 years old. My child is still non-verbal and SLPs have been very critical to his educational needs however to allow an SLPs scope to include the provisions under Applied Behavior Analysis services not only would negatively impact my son's educational needs, it would also negatively impact other professionals including but not limited to Board Certified Behavior Analysts and School Psychologists.

SLPs are not required to take any classes in behavior analysis, nor do they have any training or experience requirements related to the provision of behavior analytic services as part of their training to become SLP's. As a parent that is personally being sued by a SLP that worked with my child while he was enrolled in a private "Special" school for children with behavioral issues for injuries that she sustained while working 1:1 with my son, this is further prove that SLP's are not equipped with the necessary skill set to implement programming regarding behavior. He was 8 years old at the time of the incident and we are still dealing with this ridiculous lawsuit.

To provide additional provisions to other professionals that expand their Scope of Practice without ensuring they are properly training to provide such services is reckless and dangerous to a population of children that can not advocate for themselves.

Sincerely,
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